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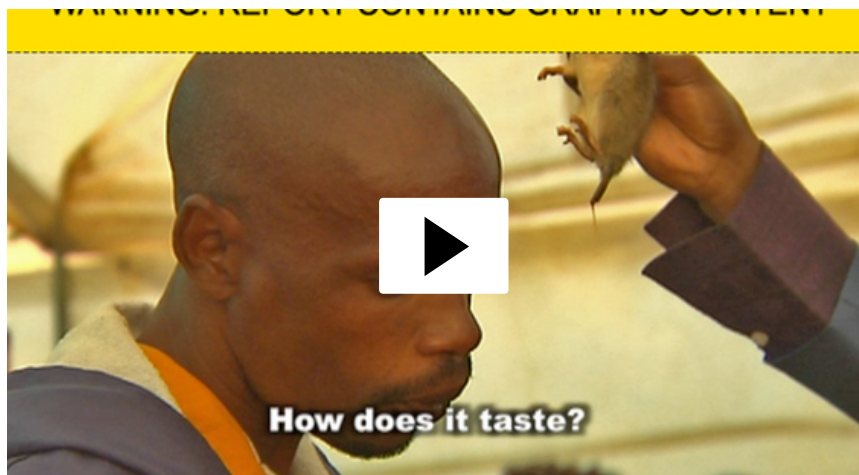
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# Church council to discuss bizarre rituals

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Soshanguve, 04 August 2015 - eNCA's current affairs show CheckPoint recently visited 'prophet' Penuel Mnguni's church in Soshanguve where snakes, rats, cloth and ants are on the spiritual menu.

**SOSHANGUVE** - The South African Council of Churches will convene a meeting this Thursday to discuss what it describes as the unethical practices by pastors making followers eat grass, snakes and drink petrol.

These so called miracle churches are a concern not only in South Africa but also in the United States, Nigeria and Swaziland.

eNCA's current affairs show Checkpoint recently spent some time at Pastor Penuel Mnguni's church in Soshanguve where snakes, cloth and ants are on the spiritual menu.

Mnguni (23) blesses his followers at End Times Disciples Ministries in Soshanguve, north of Pretoria by commanding his followers to eat strange things, as Checkpoint saw first-hand on a visit to the church.

It was the feeding of animals to his flock that attracted the attention of the authorities.

Although the pastor was arrested, police say they need proof that the snakes and other animals were alive when it became a spiritual meal – in the absence of such evidence, the charges had to be withdrawn.

Despite their concerns, the South African Council of Churches says people are free to worship where and who they like, however bizarre the rituals.

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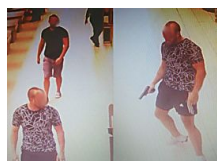
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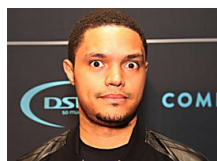
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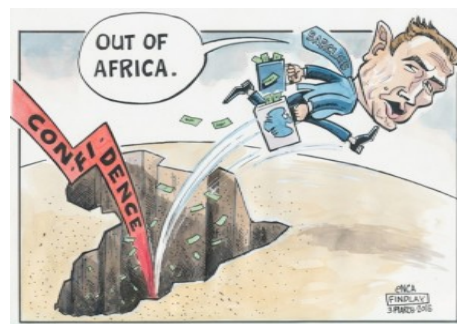


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